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# Spectacular June Day Celebration Planned



Join your neighbors for a parade through Rosedale with floats, a band, balloons, and decorated bikes, marching bands and Detroit Mounted Division, ending at Rosemont-Acacia Park. At the park celebrate with a picnic, food, bounce house, face painting, music, games and more!

# Saturday, June 3rd

Parade: 10:30am at Eaton and Westwood (Stoepel Park) Picnic: 11am-2pm at Rosemont Acacia (Flintstone) Park

For questions or to volunteer, contact Stacy Pugh: 313.574.8889 or Carolyn Akpe: 313.493.0824

For updates, visit rosedalepark.org



A Detroit firefighter helps kids hold a firehose during last year's June Day.

# New Food Options in Rosedale: Membership Meeting May 9th



Super Senior Rosa Malone, center, was recognized for her many accomplishments.

At our March membership meeting, we celebrated another Rosedale "super senior," Mrs. Rosa Malone, aged 93, on Rosemont (see photo) and welcomed more new homeowners who are joining our neighborhood.

Our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> will highlight new neighborhood food options, more new neighbors, and plans to develop a food hall– mark your calendar and plan to join us:

- NEW KABOB SHOP opens in Grandland Shopping Center samples, too!
- NEW BAKER at Northwest Detroit Farmers' Market more samples!!
- PLANS FOR A GRAND RIVER FOOD HALL Urbane Development brings us the details and asks for our input;
- NEW NEIGHBORS in Rosedale Park meet more new Rosedale homeowners!!
- TOO MANY CATS! Feral cats multiplying all over our area some solutions
- JUNE DAY PARADE AND PICNIC RETURN on Saturday, June 3 the latest news on this beloved neighborhood tradition;
- 60-BLOCK GARAGE SALE Details on this popular event, Sat. June 24

# Rosedale's 60-Block Garage Sale on June 24th

It's time to clean out the garage, basement, shed or boxes of stuff stored away in some corner. Rosedale's legendary Garage Sale is Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m-3 p.m., rain or shine – come one, come all!!

Back in the day, the east side and the west side of Rosedale took turns, with only half of the neighborhood selling in any given year, but more recently we have developed a new tradition of including the whole neighborhood every year – hence, the name change from "30-block" to "60-block" sale.



Presentation and a fair price are keys to a successful sale.

### Some notes on procedures that work well:

- Stuff sells better when it's clean and fixed.
- Consider joining forces (tables) with a neighbor. The more items on display, the easier it is to attract customers.
- Tag each item with both the price and number (to keep a record of who owns which item).
- Set a fair price. Remember, you are trying to get rid of stuff, not fund your retirement account.
- About half the day's buyers show up during the first hour and a half between 9-10:30.
- String some balloons or pennants to draw attention.
- Most importantly: greet every potential customer with a smile.

### Here is a partial list of what sells well:

- Lawn and garden tools lawn mowers, trimmers and snow blowers
- All types of power and hand tools
- Pots, pans and kitchenware
- Locks, hinges and hardware
- Picture frames
- Small appliances that work
- Baby clothes and infant items
- New or like-new Webber cook grills
- Sporting equipment
- Building and landscape materials
- Bicycles and children's toys

# Let's Showcase our Beautiful Islands

It's time to reach out to folks on your block, get organized, and spruce up the island.

RPIA Island Beautification Committee member, Carolyn Murphy, says a little maintenance will go a long way. "Picking up sticks and branches, raking leaves, and digging around the beds is a good first step," said Murphy. "Also, now is the time to spread weed killer."

Along with perennials, like flowering bulbs, Marigolds, salvia and begonias are flowering plants that add color to the islands – and they are inexpensive, drought tolerant, and last through October.

For more ideas on how to make your island stand out, stop by The Garden Bug, 18901 Grand River (corner of Stahelin), and talk with owner, master gardener, and Rosedale resident, Tina Castleberry.

For more information, contact the Island Beautification Committee, Carolyn Murphy 838-1768 or Ruth Remus 837-3215.



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# Hippity Hop, Easter Egg Hunt

Over 150 people enjoyed the Grandmont Rosedale Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15 at the North Rosedale Community House and Grounds. One hundred kids scrambled to pick up 2700 eggs scattered around in three age-appropriate roped areas. Residents also checked out the animals at the petting zoo, took pictures with the Easter Bunny, ate pizza, and designed artwork and crafts.



Youngsters scramble to collect eggs.

Many thanks to our business partners for their generous donations: Meijer, who gave us a \$500 gift card; new Grandland senior health clinic, Oak Street Health, who supported the petting zoo; numerous residents who donated eggs, candy and cash; and our longtime businesses that always donate candy: Janco on Grand River near Greenfield; Shauna Johnson/Allstate Insurance; John Cash/State Farm Insurance; Marathon Gas Station at Stahelin and Grand River; Gus/Beverage One on Grand River at Outer Drive; Ken Koester/Royal Fresh Market at Grandland.



Holding a little bunny is precious.

# Residents and Students Clean Park and Service Dr.

Ten Rosedale Park residents were joined by 28 U-M students for the annual Detroit Partnership Day to clean up the Rosemont Acacia Park. The crew also picked up the trash on the Southfield service drive. The students worked really hard raking leaves and picking up trash. "Every year we look forward to working with the young people from the University of Michigan," said Carolyn Akpe, RPIA board member and event coordinator.

Again, Rosedale resident Vince Ford, owner of All Seasons Landscaping (All4SeasonsLandscaping.com), mowed the park and mulched the leaves.

Thanks also to our partners at Macedonia Baptist Church for their kind hospitality hosting the pizza lunch and making the restrooms available.



# SAVE THE DATE

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A dinner funding micro-grants for creative projects in Grandmont Rosedale.

# Thursday, June 8th

Grandmont Rosedale Farmers Market

If you or a neighbor has an idea for a project – anything from filling a pothole, to funding a class field trip, to starting a new business - email Tom Ridgeway at tridgeway@grdc.com or find more information at

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# MAY

• Sunday, May 7

**Grandmont Rosedale Open House** - 1-5pm North Rosedale Community House

Calendar of Events

18445 Scarsdale

Tuesday, May 9

**RPIA Membership Meeting** - 7pm

North Rosedale Community House 18445 Scarsdale

• Sunday, May 21

Rosedale Block Captains' Quarterly Meeting -  $4\mathrm{pm}$  GRDC Office

19800 Grand River

• Monday, May 22

RPIA Board Meeting - 7pm GRDC Office

19800 Grand River

## JUNE

• Saturday, June 3

June Day Parade & Picnic - 11am-2pm Flintstone (Rosemont Acacia) Park

• Tuesday, June 20

Rosedale Park Radio Patrol Quarterly Meeting - 6:30pm

GRDC Office 19800 Grand River

• Thursday, June 22

Neighborhood Safety Meeting - 6:30pm

North Rosedale Community House 18445 Scarsdale

• Saturday, June 24

60-Block Garage Sale - 9am-3pm

Monday, June 26

RPIA Board Meeting - 7pm GRDC Office 19800 Grand River

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